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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - UK CONTINGENCY PLANS ON REPRESENTATIONS

TO GOG RE GRIVAS

REF: A) STATE 97565, B) STATE 127803 ET SEQ

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1. APPRECIATE POSTS' THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS ON BRITISH CONTINGENCY PLANNING. SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, WE PLAN TO CALL IN UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR, WELCOME THEIR CONSULTING WITH US ON THIS MATTER; INFORM THEM THAT WE, IN GENERAL TERMS, SHARE THEIR CONCERN OVER THREAT POSED BY GRIVAS AND THEIR GUARDED OPTIMISM REGARDING LOCAL TALKS. WE WOULD TELL THEM THAT ALTHOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES AT PRESENT DO NOT INDICATE DEMARCHE TO GOG, IF AFTER CONSULTATION BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT SITUATION ON CYPRUS WARRANTS IT, THE USG WOULD ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH REPRESENTATIONS BY HMG TO THE GOG CONCERNING GRIVAS. IF EVENTS MAKE IT NECESSARY UK, USG, AND UN COULD MAKE COMPLEMENTARY REPRESENTATIONS IN NICOSIA AND ANKARA. APPROACH IN NICOSIA WOULD BE THAT SUGGESTED IN STATE 97565, PARA 6, I.E., MAKARIOS ESTABLISH CONTROL OVER HIS LEFT-WING SUPPORTERS WHOSE COUNTERVIOLENCE HAS INCREASED TENSIONS ON ISLAND IN RETURN FOR GOG ACTION AGAINST GRIVAS. IN ANKARA, WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT IN BEST INTEREST OF GRECO-TURKISH RELATIONS, GOT SHOULD INFORM GOG THAT

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IMPORTANT; GRIVAS UNDERCUTS SOLUTION IN CYPRUS BY MAKING PARTIES UNABLE OR RELUCTANT TO COMPROMISE; THEREFORE, GOT WOULD CONSIDER ACTION BY GOG TO CONTROL GRIVAS AS INDICATION OF FULL COMMITMENT TO GOG/GOT RAPPROCHEMENT.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH HAVE BEEN DECIDEDLY RELUCTANT IN PAST TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES CONCERNING GRIVAS, AND HMG'S WILLINGNESS TO BE PREPARED TO BE OUT IN FRONT SHOULD SITUATION FURTHER DETERIORATE IS WELCOME. UK PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR GRIVAS-INSPIRED VIOLENCE SEEMS TO US TO BE PRUDENT. WHILE WE WOULD WISH TO DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM FOR PREMATURE ACTION, WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT NOT TO DISCOURAGE BRITISH, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF LONDON 7710, PARA 4.

3. IN CONVERSATION HERE WE WOULD MAKE CERTAIN BRITISH UNDERSTAND WE WOULD DECIDE WHEN AND IF TIMING PROPITIOUS FOR USG INVOLVEMENT BASED ON OUR PERCEPTIONS OF CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS.

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4. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE PARLOUS STATE OF GOG AT PRESENT AND DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT ARISE IN MAKING EFFECTIVE APPROACH ON CYPRUS ISSUE. HOWEVER, PROBLEM OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT GRIVAS IF HE OPTS FOR ALL-OUT VIOLENCE IS A SERIOUS ONE AND WE BELIEVE UK OFFER TO TAKE LEAD TO HAVE HIM REIGNED IN PRESENTS A CHANCE TO PLAN TO DEAL WITH SITUATION EFFECTIVELY AND AT MINIMUM COSTS TO GOG/US RELATIONS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE MEETING
HERE BEFORE END OF WEEK. RUSH

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